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## **HOUSE BILL 1458**

Short Title: Capital Needs Bond Bill.		(Public)
Sponsors: Representatives Jack Hunt, Ramsey; Alphin, Black, Colton, Culpepper, Gamble, Judy Hunt, R. Hunter, Ives, James, Lutz, G. Miller, Nesbitt, Redwine, Rogers, Smith, and Wilmoth.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-
Referred to: Finance.	_	

## May 17, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF ONE BILLION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS IN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 3 OF THE STATE, SUBJECT TO A VOTE OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF 4 5 THE STATE, TO PROVIDE FUNDS THROUGH LOANS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS FOR WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS, WASTEWATER 6 COLLECTION SYSTEMS, WASTEWATER TREATMENT WORKS, AND 7 PUBLIC SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES, AND TO 8 STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND INSTITUTIONS FOR HIGHER 9 EDUCATION FACILITIES, AND CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF 10 STATE BUILDINGS. 11

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "North Carolina Public Facilities and Infrastructure Bond Act of 1993".

Sec. 2. Purpose. It is the intent and purpose of the General Assembly by this act to provide for the issuance of one billion four hundred eighty-seven million dollars (\$1,487,000,000) in general obligation bonds of the State, and to provide that the proceeds realized from the sale of the bonds shall be allocated as follows:

One hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) to provide loans to local government units to assist in the financing of the cost of improvements, enlargements, extension, and reconstruction of water supply systems, wastewater collection systems, and wastewater treatment works, and the construction of new such systems and works.

 Loans shall be made only to those local government units that are eligible for and that qualify for loans from the Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Fund established in Chapter 159G of the General Statutes.

The funds to be derived from the sale of the bonds authorized by this act are sufficient to meet no more than a fraction of the water and sewer needs which now exist and will arise in the immediate future. For this reason, although public necessity and the criteria established by Chapter 159G of the General Statutes shall be the primary consideration in granting and loaning funds, great emphasis shall also be placed on: (i) the creation of efficient systems of regional wastewater disposal and regional water supply and (ii) the willingness and ability of local government units to meet their responsibilities through sound fiscal policies, creative planning, and efficient operation and management.

Six hundred million dollars (\$600,000,000) to provide loans to local government units to assist in the financing of the costs of improvements, enlargements, extension, and rehabilitation of existing public school facilities and the construction of new facilities. Loans shall be made only to those local government units that are eligible for and that qualify for loans from the Public School Facilities Bonds Fund established under rules adopted by the State Board of Education.

Two hundred eighty-nine million dollars (\$289,000,000) to provide loans to local government units to assist in the financing of the costs of improvements, enlargements, extension, and rehabilitation of existing community college facilities and the construction of new facilities. Loans shall be made only to those local government units that are eligible for and that qualify for loans from the Community College Facilities Bond Fund under rules adopted by the State Board of Community Colleges.

Two hundred ninety-eight million dollars (\$298,000,000) for higher education facility needs. Loans shall be made only to those projects that qualify under rules adopted by the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina.

One hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) for construction and renovation of State buildings that qualify under rules adopted by the Secretary of the Department of Administration.

- Sec. 3. Definitions. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:
  - (1) "Bonds" means bonds issued under this act.
  - (2) "Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act" means Chapter 796 of the 1987 Session Laws, as the same may be amended from time to time, codified as Chapter 159G of the General Statutes.
  - (3) "Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Fund" means the Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Fund as defined in the Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act.
  - (4) "Cost" means, without intending thereby to limit or restrict any proper definition of this term in financing the cost of facilities or purposes authorized by this act:

The cost of constructing, reconstructing, enlarging, acquiring, 1 a. 2 and improving facilities, and acquiring equipment and land 3 therefor, The cost of engineering, architectural, and other consulting 4 b. 5 services as may be required, 6 Administrative expenses and charges. c. 7 d. The cost of bond insurance, investment contracts, credit 8 enhancement and liquidity facilities, interest-rate swap 9 agreements or other derivative products, financial and legal 10 consultants, and related costs of bond and note issuance, to the extent and as determined by the State Treasurer, and 11 12 Any other costs and expenses necessary or incidental to the e. 13 purposes of this act. 14 Allocations in this act of proceeds of bonds to the costs of a project or 15 undertaking in each case may include allocations to pay the costs set 16 forth in items c., d., and e. in connection with the issuance of bonds for 17 the project or undertaking. 18 (5) " Credit facility" means an agreement entered into by the State 19 Treasurer on behalf of the State with a bank, savings and loan 20 association, or other banking institution, an insurance company, 21 reinsurance company, surety company, or other insurance institution, a corporation, investment banking firm, or other investment institution, 22 or any financial institution or other similar provider of a credit facility. 23 24 which provider may be located within or without the United States of America, such agreement providing for prompt payment of all or any 25 part of the principal or purchase price (whether at maturity, 26 27 presentment or tender for purchase, redemption or acceleration), redemption premium, if any, and interest on any bonds or notes 28 29 payable on demand or tender by the owner, in consideration of the State agreeing to repay the provider of the credit facility in accordance 30 with the terms and provisions of such agreement. 31 "Local government units" means local government units as defined in 32 (6) 33 the Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act. " Notes" means notes issued under this act. 34 **(7)** 35 (8) "Par formula" means any provision or formula adopted by the State to 36 provide for the adjustment, from time to time, of the interest rate or rates borne by any bonds or notes, including: 37 38 A provision providing for such adjustment so that the purchase 39 price of such bonds or notes in the open market would be as close to par as possible, 40 41 A provision providing for such adjustment based upon a b. 42 percentage or percentages of a prime rate or base rate, which 43 percentage or percentages may vary or be applied for different

periods of time, or

- Such other provision as the State Treasurer may determine to be consistent with this act and will not materially and adversely affect the financial position of the State and the marketing of bonds or notes at a reasonable interest cost to the State.
  - (9) "State" means the State of North Carolina.
  - (10) "Wastewater collection systems" means wastewater collection systems as defined in the Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act.
  - (11) "Wastewater treatment works" means wastewater treatment works as defined in the Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act.
  - "Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund" means the fund described by G.S. 159G-4(a) and G.S. 159G-5(c).
  - (13) "Water supply systems" means water supply systems as defined in the Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Act.

Sec. 4. Authorization of bonds and notes. Subject to a favorable vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the State who vote on the questions of issuing bonds in the election called and held as hereinafter provided, the State Treasurer is hereby authorized, by and with the consent of the Council of State, to issue and sell, at one time or from time to time, general obligation bonds of the State with such designations as may be determined to indicate the issuance of bonds from time to time, or notes of the State as herein provided, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding one billion four hundred eighty-seven million dollars (\$1,487,000,000) for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for the purposes authorized in this act.

Sec. 5. Use and allocation of bond and note proceeds. (a) Loans for water and sewer. The sum of one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) of the proceeds of bonds and notes shall be used and allocated for loans to local government units for the same purposes for which funds in the Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Fund may be used. Repayments of the loans may be used to pay, directly or indirectly, debt service on the bonds and notes issued. Repayments shall be placed initially into such fund or account as may be determined by the State Treasurer for the purpose of determining compliance with applicable requirements of the federal tax law and shall be expended therefrom under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Budget.

The loans shall be made for the purpose of paying the cost of water supply systems, wastewater collection systems, and wastewater treatment works. The proceeds may be used to make loans directly to local government units qualifying for a loan from the Clean Water Revolving Loan and Grant Fund or used in such other manner as shall effectuate the purposes of this act. The proceeds of bonds and notes shall be allocated between wastewater and water supply purposes in the same percentages as established in G.S. 159G-4, except that no allocation shall be made as a State match of any federal funds deposited into the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund.

The proceeds of bonds and notes, including premium thereon, if any, except the proceeds of bonds the issuance of which has been anticipated by bond anticipation notes or the proceeds of refunding bonds or notes, shall be placed by the State Treasurer in a special fund to be designated the "State Clean Water Bonds Fund", which may

include such appropriate special accounts therein as may be determined by the State Treasurer, and shall be disbursed as provided in this act.

(b) Loans for public school facilities and improvements. The sum of six hundred million dollars (\$600,000,000) of the proceeds of bonds and notes shall be used and allocated for loans for public school facility costs.

The proceeds of bonds and notes, including premium thereon, if any, except the proceeds of bonds the issuance of which has been anticipated by bonds anticipation notes or the proceeds of refunding bonds or notes, shall be placed by the State Treasurer in a special fund to be designated the "Public Schools Facilities Bonds Fund", which may include such appropriate special accounts therein as may be determined by the State Treasurer, and shall be disbursed as provided in this act.

(c) Loans for community college facilities. The sum of two hundred eighty-nine million dollars (\$289,000,000) of the proceeds of bonds and notes shall be used and allocated and used for loans from the Community College Facilities Bonds Fund to counties for community college facility costs.

The proceeds of bonds and notes, including premium thereon, if any, except the proceeds of bonds the issuance of which has been anticipated by bonds anticipation notes or the proceeds of refunding bonds or notes, shall be placed by the State Treasurer in a special fund to be designated the "Community College Facilities Bonds Fund", which may include such appropriate special accounts therein as may be determined by the State Treasurer, and shall be disbursed as provided in this act.

In selecting the projects for which loans from the Community College Facilities Bonds Fund shall be made, the State Board of Community Colleges shall give priority to the following projects:

26	COLLEGE	PROJECT NAME	PROJECTED	
27				ALLOCATION
28				
29	Alamance CC	Phase	11B-Science	Labs/Classrooms
30		\$3,059,855		
31		Phase	111-LRC	Expansion
32		2,000,000		
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34	Anson CC	Advanced	Technology	Center
35		2,630,966		
36		LRC/Student		Center
37		2,500,000		
38	Union Cty.	Advanced	Technology	Center
39	2,500,000			
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41	Asheville-			
42	Buncombe TCC	Classroom/Lab	o/Office	Building
43	5,000,000			

1 2 3		LRC 3,350,000				Expansion
4	Beaufort County CC	Student		Services	;	Center
5 6 7 8		2,900,000 Science/Fine 2,500,000	Ar	ts	Classroom	Bldg.
9 10	Bladen CC	Allied 1,015,472	Health	1	Care	Center
11 12 13		Child 447,045		Care		Center
14 15	Blue Ridge CC	Allied 5,000,000		Health		Building
16 17		Center 2,932,658	for	Lit	felong	Learning
18 19 20 21	Transylvania Classroom/Office 502,225	, ,				Cty. Bldg.
22	Brunswick CC	Allied			Heal	th/Classroom
<ul><li>23</li><li>24</li><li>25</li><li>26</li></ul>		4,000,000 Vocational 450,000		Building		Renovations
27 28 29	Caldwell CC & TI	Classroom/Lab 5,000,000 Addition & Reno	v. Class	/		Building
30 31		Library 3,190,290				Bldg.
32 33 34	Watauga Cty. 2,261,539	Classroom/Lab				Bldg.
35 36	Cape Fear CC	Health 5,000,000		Sciences		Building
37 38		LRC/Classroom 2,500,000				Building
39 40 41	Pender Cty. 690,212	Classroom				Building
42 43	Carteret CC	Classroom/Studer 2,404,124	nt			Center

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	Classroom 1,580,188					Building
Catawba Valley CC	Classroom/La 4,218,275 Physical 4,241,014	b	Ed/Classro	oom		Building Building
Central		Caroli	ina			CC
Classroom						Building
,894,438	Renovation 1,120,000	of	Main	Bldg.	&	Library
Chatham Cty. 2,000,000	Classroom					Building
Harnett Cty. 1,000,000	Classroom					Building
Central	Piedmont					CC
Science		Labs				Expansion 3
,950,000	Regional Law Trng. 3,620,000	Enforce	ement			Ctr.
Cleveland CC	Advanced 2,213,022		Technol	ogy		Building
	Allied 706,368		Health			Building
Coastal		Caroli	ina			CC
Public	Service		Technol	ogy		Bldg.
,000,000	Classroom 2,500,000					Building
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1 2 3	Albemarle Class Dare Cty. Class/Lab/	ssroom/Admin Student Servic		•	,924	
4 5	Craven CC	Academic 2,790,276		dies/Basic	Skills	Bldg.
6 7 8		Classroom/L 1,280,000	ab-Havelo	ock		
9 10	Davidson County CC	Advanced 3,875,000		Technolo	gy	Building
11 12		Campus 1,175,000		Developm	nent	Project
13 14 15	Davie Cty. 1,980,000	Class/Lab/In	structiona	1	Support	Bldg.
16	Durham TCC	Classroom/O	office			Building
17 18 19 20		5,000,000 Classroom/L 1,435,000	ab			Building
21	Edgecombe CC	Class/Lab		Addition-l	Rocky	Mount
22 23 24 25		1,200,000 Shop 264,762	Bui	lding	Renovation	on-Tarboro
26 27	Fayetteville TCC	Literacy 5,000,000	&	Continuing	Education	Bldg.
28 29 30		Renov. 1,797,411	Two	(	Classroom	Bldgs.
31 32	Forsyth TCC	Class/Lab/Ac 5,000,000	dmin.	-	East	Campus
33 34 35		Campus 3,100,000			R	enovations
36 37	Gaston College	Work	Force	Pre	eparedness	Center
38 39 40		5,000,000 Student/Com 2,385,257	nmunity			Center
41	Guilford TCC	Applied		Technolog	gy	Building
42 43 44		5,000,000 Classroom 5,000,000				Building

1 2	Halifax CC	Literacy	Ed/Sci	ence	Building
3 4 5		2,008,592 Renovations 490,000	Existing	Bldg/Parking	Areas
6 7 8 9 10	Haywood CC	High-Tech 300,000 Classroom 1,100,000	Cen	ter	Expansion Building
11 12 13 14 15	Isothermal CC	Continuing 5,000,000 Campus 125,000		ucation	Center Renovations
16 17	Polk Cty. Classroom	s/Labs Addition 35	8,686		
18 19 20 21	James Sprunt CC	Library/Cont. 2,600,000 Multipurpose 2,408,406	Ed/Busin	ess &	Industry Center
22 23 24 25 26 27	Johnston CC	Allied 3,000,000 Cafeteria/Student 1,343,985	Healt	ch	Building Lounge
28 29 30 31	Lenoir CC	Renovations/Add 2,652,697 Classroom/Audito 2,000,000			Bldg.
32	Greene Cty.	New	Instructi	onal	Facility
33 34 35 36	1,500,000 Jones Cty. 100,000	New	Vocation	onal	Annex
37 38 39 40	Martin CC	Equine 577,553 Heating 350,000	& (	Cooling	Arena Renovations
41 42 43	Bertie Cty. 250,000	Class/Lab/Office			Building

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1 2 3 4 5	Mayland CC	Shop/Student 4,037,566 Classroom 255,000	Lecture	Hall Building
6 7 8 9	McDowell TCC	Renov. 283,800 Classroom 1,900,000	Bookstore/Amp	phitheater/Mezzanine Building
10 11 12 13 14 15	Mitchell CC	Renovate 2,200,000 Mooresville 1,000,000	Main Center	Building Addition
16 17 18	Montgomery CC	LRC 2,592,709		Building
19 20 21 22 23	Nash CC	LRC/Student 4,409,179 Center for 2,092,223	Business	Center & Industry
24 25 26	Pamlico CC	Multipurpose 1,177,503	Class/Office	e Bldg.
27 28 29	Piedmont CC Caswell Cty.	Classroom/Faculty 459,815 Adult	Office Learning	Bldg. Center
30 31 32 33 34 35	1,300,000 Pitt CC	Student 4,500,000 Multipurpose 4,500,000	Services Training	Building Facility
36 37 38 39 40 41	Randolph CC	Photography 1,017,500 Allied Hlth/S 2,308,128	cience &	Studio Tech Center
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Richmond CC

Fine

2,251,414

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1 2		Student 1,500,000	Cente	r/Classroo	m	Building
3 4 5	Roanoke-Chowan CC	Classroom/Stu 2,549,087	dent	Supp	port	Center
6 7		LRC 200,000	Expansion	ć	&	Renovations
8	Robeson CC	Emergency		Training		Grounds
0 1 2 3		855,387 Teaching 1,430,228	Theaters/A	Allied	Hlth	Classroom
3 4 5	Rockingham CC	Multipurpose 2,700,000				Building
6 7 8		Fire 595,250	Service	Tr	aining	Center
9 0	Rowan-Cabarrus CC	Engineering 4,200,000				Building
1 2		Business 1,790,378				Building
3 4 5	Cabarrus Cty. 1,573,312	Classroom				Building
5 6 7	Sampson CC	Multipurpose 2,500,000				Building
8 9 0		Academic 1,276,000				Building
1 2	Sandhills CC	Cont. 5,000,000	Ed.		Cen	ter/Classrooms
3 4 5		Physical 2,011,280	H	Education		Facility
6 7	Southeastern CC	Nursing/Allied 1,309,400		Health		Building
8 9 0		Addition 896,070	& Re	enovation	of	"G"Bldg.
1 2	Southwestern CC	Classroom 700,000	Ren	nov./Expan	ded	Parking
3 4		General 1,783,141	C	lassroom		Building

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5 6	Stanly CC	Learning			Resource		Center
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8		Classroom					Building
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11	Surry CC	Health/Day		(	Care/Library		Building
12		4,054,417					
13		Office/Cafe	eteria/Stu	ıdent		Ctr.	Bldg.
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16	Tri-County CC	Student	Servi	ces	Ctr.	Classroon	n Bldg.
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20	Graham Cty.	Class/Lab/S	Study				Bldg.
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23	Vance-Granville CC	Allied	Healt	h/Day	Care/	Classroom	Bldg.
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27	Granville Cty.	Additional					Classrooms
28 29	377,500 Warren Cty.	Compus					Renovations
30	212,500	Campus					Removations
31	212,300						
32	Wake TCC	Student			Education		Bldg.
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35		3,000,000					
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37	Wayne CC	Classroom/	Laborate	ory			Building
38		3,900,000	0		m 1		D1.1
39		Student	&		Telecommu	nications	Bldg.
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41	Western						
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1 2		Class/Office 1,662,000	Bldg.	(Cont.	Ed.)
3	Wilkes CC	LRC-Student		Б	evelopment
5		4,700,000			
6		Beacon	Building		Purchase
7 8	Agha Cty Claggroom	551,185			
9	Ashe Cty. Classroom	Dunuing 200,000			
10	Wilson TCC	Multipurpose			Building
11		1,000,000			
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38	Science/Mathematics	Complex	X	Phase	I
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42	Addition	to	Joyner		Library
43	28,900,000		-		Ĭ
44	Land 5,000,000				

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1 2	Elizabeth City	z State I	Iniversity				
3	Fine	Arts	and	Mass	s Con	nmunications	Building
4	6,432,600		<del></del>				8
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6	Fayetteville S	tate Un	iversity				
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15	2,021,100						
16	North Carolin	a Centr	al University				
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18	Academic		J				Programs
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20	Chidley			На	all		Complex
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23	North Carolin	a Schoo	ol of the Arts	C			E'1 1'
24	School			of			Filmmaking
25	6,999,200						
26 27	North Carolin	a State	University at F	Paleigh			
28	Engineerin		Grad	_	R	esearch	Center
29	34,918,200	_	Grac	iuate	K	CSCarcii	Center
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31	4,484,900						8
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35	Pembroke Sta	te Univ	•				
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38	Repairs	and	Renovations	to	Business	Administration	Building
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1	Physical	Educ	cation	Building		(Health	Promotion)
2	5,475,600						
3	The	]	North		Carolina		Arboretum
4	2,500,000						
5							
6	The University			-			
7	New	Building,	Schoo	ol of	Bu	siness	Administration
8	13,490,900						
9	Addition	to	Lineber	ger (	Cancer	Research	n Center
10	8,119,900						
11		_	_			, Phase II 1,1	
12	Addition	to	the	S	chool	of	Dentistry
13	8,887,100			~		~	
14		Health	Education	Centers	-	Construct	ion Grants
15	3,370,800						
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17	The University	•				Cummont	Eggility
18	Classroom		and	Academic		Support	Facility
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21	The University	y of North (	Parolina at G	Freenshoro			
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23	23,357,000			iviasie			Dunamig
24	25,557,000						
25	The University	v of North (	Carolina at V	Vilmington			
26	Physical	Sciences	Building	_	Renovation	n of D	eLoach Hall
27	18,522,900		<i>8</i>				
28			of Bear Hall	and			
29		_	Vest		of	Bear	r Hall
30	992,050						
31							
32	Western Carol	lina Univers	sity				
33	Completion	of	Belk	Building	and	Asbestos	s Removal
34	3,280,200						
35	Renovate		Moore	На	ıll,	Phase	II
36	2,043,900						
37	Renovate		Camp	1	La	ab	School
38	1,896,500						
39	Renovate			Reid			Gym
40	2,379,400						
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42	Winston-Saler			. /0, 1		TT :	0 1
43	Student	Ser	vices/Cafete	rıa/Student		Union	Complex
44	6,073,350						

1	Renovations	to	O'Kelly		Library
2	1,119,500			•	•
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4	North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics				
5	Educational	Technologies	Center	and	Auditorium
6	8,073,700				
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8	UNC Center for Public Television				
9	Improvements to Facilities				
10	<u>6,000,000</u>				
11					
12	Total				
13					\$
14	298,000,000				

(e) Loans for construction and renovation of State buildings. The sum of one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) of the proceeds of bonds and notes shall be allocated and used for loans from the "State Buildings Bonds Fund" for construction and renovation of State buildings.

The proceeds of bonds and notes, including premium thereon, if any, except the proceeds of bonds the issuance of which has been anticipated by bonds anticipation notes or the proceeds of refunding bonds or notes, shall be placed by the State Treasurer in a special fund to be designated the "State Buildings Bonds Fund", which may include such appropriate special accounts therein as may be determined by the State Treasurer, and shall be disbursed as provided in this act.

Sec. 6. Allocation of proceeds of bonds and notes. The proceeds of the bonds and notes shall be allocated and expended as provided in this act.

Any additional moneys which may be received by means of a grant or grants from the United States of America or any agency or department thereof or from any other source for deposit to the State Clean Water Bond Fund may be placed in the State Clean Water Bond Fund or in a separate account or fund and shall be disbursed, to the extent permitted by the terms of such grant or grants, without regard to any limitations imposed by this act.

The proceeds of bonds and notes may be used with any other moneys made available by the General Assembly for making loans authorized by this act, including the proceeds of any other State bond issues, whether heretofore made available or which may be made available at the session of the General Assembly at which this act is ratified or any subsequent sessions. The proceeds of bonds and notes shall be expended and disbursed under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Budget. The funds provided by this act shall be disbursed for the purposes provided in this act upon warrants drawn on the State Treasurer by the State Controller, which warrants shall not be drawn until requisition has been approved by the Director of the Budget and which requisition shall be approved only after full compliance with the Executive Budget Act,

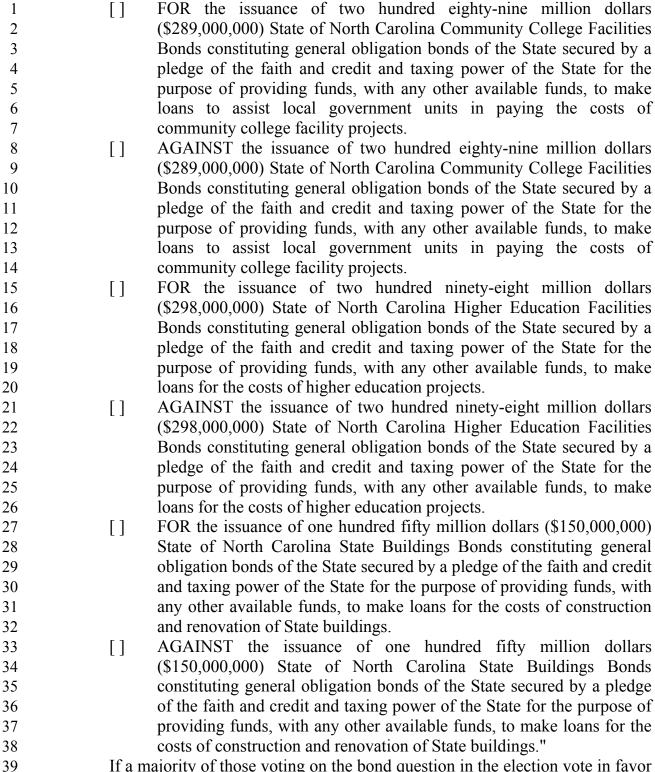
Article 1 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, as it may be amended from time to time.

Sec. 7. Election. The questions of the issuance of the bonds authorized by this act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at an election to be held on a date to be fixed by the Governor, but in any event not later than the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November 1993. Any other primary, election, or referendum validly called or scheduled by law at the time the election on the bond questions provided for in this section is held may be held as called or scheduled. Notice of the election on the bond questions shall be given by publication twice in a newspaper or newspapers having general circulation in each county in the State, and the election and the registration of voters therefor shall be held under and in accordance with the general laws of the State. Absentee ballots shall be authorized in the election.

The State Board of Elections shall reimburse the counties of the State for all necessary expenses incurred in holding the election which are in addition to those which would have otherwise been incurred, the same to be paid out of the Contingency and Emergency Fund or other funds available to the State Board of Elections.

Voting machines, ballots, or both may be used in accordance with rules prescribed by the State Board of Elections. The bond questions to be used in the voting machines and ballots shall be in substantially the following forms:

- "[] FOR the issuance of one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) State of North Carolina Clean Water Bonds constituting general obligation bonds of the State secured by a pledge of the faith and credit and taxing power of the State for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, to make loans to assist local government units in paying the costs of clean water projects.
- [] AGAINST the issuance of one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) State of North Carolina Clean Water Bonds constituting general obligation bonds of the State secured by a pledge of the faith and credit and taxing power of the State for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, to make loans to assist local government units in paying the costs of clean water projects.
- [] FOR the issuance of six hundred million dollars (\$600,000,000) State of North Carolina Public School Facilities Bonds constituting general obligation bonds of the State secured by a pledge of the faith and credit and taxing power of the State for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, to make loans to assist local government units in paying the costs of public school projects.
- [] AGAINST the issuance of six hundred million dollars (\$600,000,000) State of North Carolina Public School Facilities Bonds constituting general obligation bonds of the State secured by a pledge of the faith and credit and taxing power of the State for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, to make loans to assist local government units in paying the costs of public school projects.



If a majority of those voting on the bond question in the election vote in favor of the issuance of the bonds, such bonds may be issued as herein provided. If a majority of those voting on the bond question in the election shall vote against the issuance of the bonds, such bonds shall not be issued.

The results of the election shall be canvassed and declared as provided by law for the holding of elections for State Officers and the results thereof certified by the

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State Board of Elections to the Secretary of State, in the manner and at the time provided by the general election laws of the State.

- Sec. 8. Issuance of bonds and notes. (a) Terms and conditions. Bonds or notes may bear such date or dates, may be serial or term bonds or notes, or any combination thereof, may mature in such amounts and at such time or times, not exceeding 30 years from their date or dates, may be payable at such place or places, either within or without the United States of America, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts, may bear interest at such rate or rates, which may vary from time to time, and may be made redeemable before maturity, at the option of the State or otherwise as may be provided by the State, at such price or prices, including a price less than the face amount of the bonds or notes, and under such terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the State Treasurer, by and with the consent of the Council of State.
- Signatures; form and denomination; registration. Bonds or notes may be issued as certificated or uncertificated obligations. If issued as certificated obligations, bonds or notes shall be signed on behalf of the State by the Governor or shall bear his facsimile signature, shall be signed by the State Treasurer or shall bear his facsimile signature, and shall bear the Great Seal of the State or a facsimile thereof shall be impressed or imprinted thereon. If bonds or notes bear the facsimile signatures of the Governor and the State Treasurer, the bonds or notes shall also bear a manual signature which may be that of a bond registrar, trustee, paying agent, or designated assistant of the State Treasurer. Should any officer whose signature or facsimile signature appears on bonds or notes cease to be such officer before the delivery of the bonds or notes, the signature or facsimile signature shall nevertheless have the same validity for all purposes as if the officer had remained in office until delivery and bonds or notes may bear the facsimile signatures of persons who at the actual time of the execution of the bonds or notes shall be the proper officers to sign any bond or note although at the date of the bond or note such persons may not have been such officers. The form and denomination of bonds or notes, including the provisions with respect to registration of the bonds or notes and any system for their registration, shall be as the State Treasurer may determine in conformity with this act; provided, however, that nothing in this act shall prohibit the State Treasurer from proceeding, with respect to the issuance and form of the bonds or notes, under the provisions of Chapter 159E of the General Statutes, the Registered Public Obligations Act, as well as under this act.
- (c) Manner of sale; expenses. Subject to determination by the Council of State as to the manner in which bonds or notes shall be offered for sale, whether at public or private sale, whether within or without the United States of America, and whether by publishing notices in certain newspapers and financial journals, mailing notices, inviting bids by correspondence, negotiating contracts of purchase or otherwise, the State Treasurer is authorized to sell bonds or notes at one time or from time to time at such rate or rates of interest, which may vary from time to time, and at such price or prices, including a price less than the face amount of the bonds or the notes, as the State Treasurer may determine. All expenses incurred in preparation, sale, and issuance of

bonds or notes shall be paid by the State Treasurer from the proceeds of bonds or notes or other available moneys.

(d) Notes; repayment.

- (1) By and with the consent of the Council of State, the State Treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow money and to execute and issue notes of the State for the same, but only in the following circumstances and under the following conditions:
  - a. For anticipating the sale of bonds to the issuance of which the Council of State shall have given consent, if the State Treasurer shall deem it advisable to postpone the issuance of the bonds;
  - b. For the payment of interest on or any installment of principal of any bonds then outstanding, if there shall not be sufficient funds in the State treasury with which to pay the interest or installment of principal as they respectively become due;
  - c. For the renewal of any loan evidenced by notes herein authorized;
  - d. For the purposes authorized in this act; and
  - e. For refunding bonds or notes as herein authorized.
- (2) Funds derived from the sale of bonds or notes may be used in the payment of any bond anticipation notes issued under this act. Funds provided by the General Assembly for the payment of interest on or principal of bonds shall be used in paying the interest on or principal of any notes and any renewals thereof, the proceeds of which shall have been used in paying interest on or principal of the bonds.
- (e) Refunding bonds and notes. By and with the consent of the Council of State, the State Treasurer is authorized to issue and sell refunding bonds and notes pursuant to the provisions of the State Refunding Bond Act for the purpose of refunding bonds or notes issued pursuant to this act. The refunding bonds and notes may be combined with any other issues of State bonds and notes similarly secured.
- (f) Tax exemption. Bonds and notes shall be exempt from all State, county, and municipal taxation or assessment, direct or indirect, general or special, whether imposed for the purpose of general revenue or otherwise, excluding inheritance and gift taxes and income taxes on the gain from the transfer of bonds and notes. The interest on bonds and notes shall not be subject to taxation as to income.
- (g) Investment eligibility. Bonds and notes are hereby made securities in which all public officers, agencies, and public bodies of the State and its political subdivisions, all insurance companies, trust companies, investment companies, banks, savings banks, savings and loan associations, credit unions, pension or retirement funds, other financial institutions engaged in business in the State, executors, administrators, trustees, and other fiduciaries may properly and legally invest funds, including capital in their control or belonging to them. Bonds and notes are hereby made securities which may properly and legally be deposited with and received by any officer or agency of the State or political subdivision of the State for any purpose for which the deposit of

 bonds, notes, or obligations of the State or any political subdivision is now or may hereafter be authorized by law.

- (h) Faith and credit. The faith and credit and taxing power of the State are hereby pledged for the payment of the principal of and the interest on bonds and notes. In addition to the State's right to amend any provision of this act to the extent it does not impair any contractual right of a bond owner, the State expressly reserves the right to amend any provision of this act with respect to the making and repayment of loans, the disposition of any repayments of loans, and any intercept provisions relating to the failure of a local government unit to repay a loan, the bonds not being secured in any respect by loans, any repayments thereof, or any intercept provisions with respect thereto.
- Sec. 9. Variable interest rates. In fixing the details of bonds and notes, the State Treasurer may provide that any of the bonds or notes may:
  - (1) Be made payable from time to time on demand or tender for purchase by the owner thereof provided a credit facility supports the bonds or notes, unless the State Treasurer specifically determines that a credit facility is not required upon a finding and determination by the State Treasurer that the absence of a credit facility will not materially or adversely affect the financial position of the State and the marketing of the bonds or notes at a reasonable interest cost to the State;
  - (2) Be additionally supported by a credit facility;
  - (3) Be made subject to redemption or a mandatory tender for purchase prior to maturity;
  - (4) Bear interest at a rate or rates that may vary for such period or periods of time, all as may be provided in the proceedings providing for the issuance of the bonds or notes, including, without limitation, such variations as may be permitted pursuant to a par formula; and
  - (5) Be made the subject of a remarketing agreement whereby an attempt is made to remarket bonds or notes to new purchasers prior to their presentment for payment to the provider of the credit facility or to the State.

If the aggregate principal amount repayable by the State under a credit facility is in excess of the aggregate principal amount of bonds or notes secured by the credit facility, whether as a result of the inclusion in the credit facility of a provision for the payment of interest for a limited period of time or the payment of a redemption premium or for any other reason, then the amount of authorized but unissued bonds or notes during the term of such credit facility shall not be less than the amount of such excess, unless the payment of such excess is otherwise provided for by agreement of the State executed by the State Treasurer.

- Sec. 10. Special provisions governing loans. (a) Definition. "Receiving agency" means the agency charged with responsibility by this act to administer loans of the proceeds of bonds authorized by this act, other than State Clean Water Bonds, as follows:
  - (1) For Public School Facilities Bonds, the State Board of Education.

For Community College Facilities Bonds, the State Board of 1 (2) Community Colleges. 2 3 **(3)** For Higher Education Facilities Bonds, the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina. 4 5 (4) For State Buildings Bonds, the Department of Administration. 6 (b) Loan Fund. 7 (1) There is established in the Department of State Treasurer a fund to be 8 known as the Public Facilities and Infrastructure Loan Fund. 9 various accounts of the Fund shall be administered as required and 10 provided for in this act. The funds in the various accounts may be invested in the same manner permitted for investments of funds 11 12 belonging to the State or held in the State treasury. Interest earnings derived from these investments shall be credited to the respective 13 14 accounts from which funds were used to make the loans. 15 (2) Distribution of funds. All appropriated or bond funds accruing to each account of the Public Facilities and Infrastructure Loan Fund, other 16 than funds set aside for administrative expenses, including expenses 17 18 related to determining compliance with applicable requirements of the federal tax law and costs of issuance, shall be used for loans for the 19 20 purposes provided in this act. 21 (3) The maximum principal amount of a loan may be one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of any eligible project. 22 23 The State Treasurer shall be responsible for investing and distributing **(4)** 24 all funds appropriated or accruing to the Public Facilities and Infrastructure Loan Fund. Subject to any applicable requirements of 25 the federal tax law, the State Treasurer shall arrange for the funds to 26 27 be transferred from the appropriate accounts to a local government unit or community college or shall invest the funds as authorized by this act 28 29 with the interest on and the principal of the investments to be 30 transferred to the local government unit or community college to provide funds for one or more loans. 31 Application for Loans; Hearings. 32 (c) Hearings. 33 **(1)** 34 Local Government Units. Prior to filing an application for a a. 35 loan, a local government unit shall hold a public hearing. A 36 notice of the public hearing shall be published once at least 10 days before the date fixed for the hearing. 37 Hearing by Receiving Agency. A public hearing may be held 38 b. by the receiving agency or the Local Government Commission 39 at any time on any application. Public hearings may also be 40 41 held by the receiving agency upon written request from any 42 citizen or taxpayer who is a resident of the county in which the

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project is to be located if it appears that the public interest will be served by the hearing. The written request will set forth each

No application for a loan from the proceeds of Higher

Education Facilities Bonds and notes shall be considered or

objection to the proposed project or other reason for requesting 1 2 a hearing on the application and shall contain the name and 3 address of the persons submitting it. The receiving agency may consider all written objections to the proposed project and other 4 5 statements along with the application including any significant 6 considerations on facility needs and shall determine if the 7 public interest will be served by a hearing. The determination 8 by the receiving agency will be conclusive and all written requests for a hearing shall be and retained as a permanent part 9 10 of the records pertaining to the application. (2) All applications for loans shall be filed with the 11 12 designated receiving agency. If the application is denied, the application shall then be considered at the next available period. All 13 14 applications approved by the receiving agency shall be filed with the 15 Local Government Commission. Each applicant shall furnish information in addition to the information contained in its application 16 17 upon request. 18 (3) Eligibility – Local Loans. No local government unit shall be eligible 19 for a loan unless it demonstrates all of the following to the satisfaction 20 of the receiving agency: 21 a. The applicant is a local government unit. The applicant has the financial capacity to pay the principal of 22 b. and interest on its proposed obligations and loans, as evidenced 23 24 by the approval of the Local Government Commission. 25 c. The applicant has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and 26 27 ordinances, whether federal, State, or local. The applicant has agreed by official resolution to adopt and 28 d. 29 place into effect on or before completion a schedule of fees and charges or the application of other sources of revenue that will 30 provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and 31 32 administration of the project and repayment of all principal and 33 interest on loans. To be eligible to receive the loans provided 34 for in this act, local government units shall arrange to borrow 35 the amounts necessary pursuant to rules adopted by the Local 36 Government Commission. Eligibility – State Facilities Loans. 37 **(4)** No community college shall be eligible for a loan unless it 38 a. 39 demonstrates the capital project's financing feasibility in light of the community college's appropriations and revenue history and 40 41 projections.

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approved unless provision is made for its repayment from funds derived from tuition increases.

- (5) Assessment. Every applicant shall file with its application an assessment of the impact the project for which the funds are sought will have upon meeting the facility needs of the area within which the project is to be located.
- (6) Voter Approval Local Loans. A petition, demanding that the question of whether a local government unit shall enter into a loan agreement with the State under this act be submitted to voters, may be filed with the clerk of the local government unit within 30 days after the public hearing required by the local government unit. The petition's sufficiency shall be determined and a referendum, if any, shall be conducted, according to the standards, procedures, and limitations set out in G.S. 159-60 through G.S. 159-62.
- (d) Priorities.

- (1) Determination. Determination of priorities to be assigned each eligible application shall be made semiannually by each receiving agency during each fiscal year. Every eligible application shall be considered by the receiving agency with every other application eligible during the same priority period.
- (2) Priority Factors. All applications for loans under this act shall be assigned a priority by the receiving agency. The receiving agency shall establish by rule the priority factors criteria.
- (3) Assignment of Priority. A written statement relative to each priority assigned shall be prepared by the receiving agency and shall be attached to the receiving application. The priority assigned shall be conclusive.
- (4) Failure to Qualify. If an application does not qualify for a loan as of the prior period in which the application was eligible for consideration by reason of the priority assigned, the application shall be considered during the next succeeding priority period upon request of the applicant. If the application again fails to qualify for a loan during the second priority period by reason of the priority assigned, the application shall receive no further consideration. An applicant may file a new application at any time and may amend any pending application to include additional data or information.
- (5) Withdrawal of Commitment. Failure of an applicant within one year after the date of acceptance of the loan to arrange for necessary financing of the proposed project or award of the contract of the construction of the proposed project shall constitute sufficient cause for withdrawal of the commitment. Prior to withdrawal of a commitment, the receiving agency shall give due consideration to any extenuating circumstances presented by the applicant as reasons for failure to arrange necessary financing or to award a contract, and the

commitment may be extended for an additional period of time if, in the judgment of the receiving agency, the extension is justified.

Disbursement. No funds shall be disbursed until the receiving agency

- (e) Disbursement. No funds shall be disbursed until the receiving agency gives a certificate of eligibility to the effect that the applicant meets all eligibility criteria and that all procedural requirements of this act have been met.
  - (f) Payment of Loans.
    - (1) The State Treasurer, with the approval of the Local Government Commission and consistent with the provisions of this act, shall by adoption of appropriate rules provide for the repayment of and interest rates of such loans. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the interest rate shall reflect all financing, issuance, and administrative costs. Rules adopted under this act shall reflect the self-supporting nature of the loan program.
    - (2) Facilities and Improvement. In the event repayment of a loan is not received or is in apparent likelihood of not being received in a timely manner from a local government unit, as determined conclusively by the State Treasurer, then notwithstanding anything herein or in the provisions of any other law to the contrary, upon determination by the State Treasurer of the default, any distributions which might otherwise be made to a local government unit from any funds of the State shall be withheld and used, as required, in payment of loans until notice from the State Treasurer that the local government unit is no longer in default.

In the event repayment of a loan is not received or is in apparent likelihood of not being received in a timely manner from the State agency that originally received the loan, as determined conclusively by the State Treasurer, then, notwithstanding anything herein or in the provisions of any other law to the contrary, upon determination by the State Treasurer as to the default or likely default, the Treasurer shall notify the Director of the Budget to take immediate steps to make available other funds and or distributions, which might otherwise be made to the State agency that originally received the loan, for repayment of the loan. These funds may include appropriations and unrestricted revenues statutorily designated for the agency.

(g) Intercept – Local Loans. The governing body of a local government unit or community college may include in its resolution authorizing a loan pursuant to this section a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the local government unit or community college to make a scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the local government unit or community college any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit or community college in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of such loan.

In such event, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Treasurer shall be authorized to withhold and apply such funds to the repayment of the loan, except, that the funds shall not be withheld if the source of the funds to be withheld secures special obligation bonds or other obligations of the local government unit or community college.

The State Treasurer shall notify the Secretary of Revenue or other appropriate State agency and the State Controller of the amount to be withheld from the local government unit or community college, and the Secretary of Revenue and the State Controller shall transfer to the State Treasurer the amount so requested to be applied by the State Treasurer to the repayment of the loan.

- (h) Inspection. Inspection of a project for which a loan has been made under this act may be performed by qualified personnel of the receiving agency or may be performed by qualified engineers registered in this State approved by the receiving agency. No person shall be approved to perform inspections who is an officer employed by the local government unit or community college to which the loan was made or who is an owner, officer, employer, or agent of a contractor or subcontractor engaged in the construction of the project for which the loan was made. For the purpose of payment of inspection fees, inspection services shall be included in the term "construction cost" as used in this act.
- (i) Rules. The State Treasurer, the Local Government Commission, and receiving agencies may adopt, modify, and repeal rules necessary for the administration of their respective duties under this act. Uniform rules may be jointly adopted where feasible and desirable, and no rule, jointly adopted, may be modified or revoked except upon concurrence of all agencies involved.
- (j) Federal Grants and Loans. In order to carry out the purposes of this act to secure the greatest possible benefits to the citizens of this State of the funds appropriated, the departments and receiving agencies shall adopt rules and criteria, not inconsistent with provisions of this act, as are necessary and appropriate to conform to regulations for federal grants and loans for any of the purposes set forth in this act.
- (k) Reports. The receiving agencies shall prepare and file each year on or before July 31 with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations a consolidated report for the preceding fiscal year concerning the allocation of loans authorized by this act. The report shall set forth for the preceding fiscal year itemized and total allocations of loans authorized and unallocated funds on hand in each as of the end of the preceding fiscal year; identification of each loan made by the receiving agency during the preceding fiscal year; the total amount of the loans the sums actually paid during the preceding fiscal year to each loan and to each loan previously committed but unpaid; the total loans paid during the preceding fiscal year; and summary for all preceding years and the total number of the loans made and the total funds committed to the loans and the total sum actually paid to the loans and grants.

The report shall be signed by each of the chief executive officers of the receiving agencies preparing the report.

(l) Local Government Commission.

- Local government units and community colleges may execute debt instruments payable to the State in order to obtain loans provided for in this act. Local government units and community colleges shall pledge or agree to apply as security for such obligations:

  a. Any available source of revenues of the local government unit
  - a. Any available source of revenues of the local government unit or community college, including revenues from benefitted facilities or systems, provided that (i) the local government unit or community college has not otherwise pledged such revenues as security for, or agreed to apply such revenues to, the payment of any other obligations of the local government unit or community college, (ii) the use of revenues is not otherwise restricted by law, or (iii) with respect to obligations of a local government unit, the revenues are not derived from the exercise of the local government unit's taxing power; or
  - b. With respect to local government units, their faith and credit; or
  - c. Any combination of a. and b. above. The faith and credit of local government units shall not be pledged or be deemed to have been pledged unless the requirements of Article 4 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes have been met. The State Treasurer, with the assistance of the Local Government Commission, shall develop and adopt appropriate debt instruments for use under this act. The Local Government Commission shall develop and adopt appropriate procedures for the delivery of debt instruments to the State without any public bidding therefor.
  - (2) Nothing contained in this act shall prohibit any local government unit from applying any funds of the local government unit not otherwise restricted as to use by law to the payment of any debt instrument payable to the State incurred pursuant to the provisions of this act.
  - (3) The Local Government Commission shall review and approve proposed loans to local government units and community colleges under this act under the provisions of Articles 4 and 5 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes. The Local Government Commission in considering the ability of a local government unit or community college to repay a loan may regard as a source of revenue for repayment of a loan revenue sources that may not be available other than on an annual discretionary basis and that may not be subject to a pledge or agreement to apply. Loans under this act shall be outstanding debts for the purposes of Article 10 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes.
  - (m) The Council of State shall review and approve proposed loans from the proceeds of Higher Education Facilities Bonds and notes, and State Buildings Bonds and notes.

- (n) The State Treasurer shall annually certify to the General Assembly the
   financial condition of the loan program and identify existing delinquencies.
   Sec. 11. Interpretation of act. (a) Additional Method. The foregoing sections of
  - Sec. 11. Interpretation of act. (a) Additional Method. The foregoing sections of this act shall be deemed to provide an additional and alternative method for the doing of the things authorized thereby and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred by other laws, and shall not be regarded as in derogation of any powers now existing.
  - (b) Statutory References. References in this act to specific sections or Chapters of the General Statutes or to specific acts are intended to be references to these sections, Chapters, or acts as they may be amended from time to time by the General Assembly.
  - (c) Liberal Construction. This act, being necessary for the health and welfare of the people of the State, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes thereof.
  - (d) Inconsistent Provisions. Insofar as the provisions of this act are inconsistent with the provisions of any general laws, or parts thereof, the provisions of this act shall be controlling.
  - (e) Severability. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.
    - Sec. 12. Effective date. This act is effective upon ratification.